बाढ़ आती है हम उसके लिए स्पर्स बनाते हैं, एम्बाकमैंट बनाते हैं। स्पर्स इसलिए बनाते हैं कि कटाव न हो और जो लोग उजड़ जाते हैं उनके लिए, जैसा मैंने पहले कहा क्लेमिटी फंड होता है उसका इस्तेमाल किया जाता है। हम यह भी चाहेंगे कि जिन एरियाज का हमें पता है कि यहां फ्लड आते हैं तो वहां पर इस किस्म के गांव बनाये जायें जिनका स्थल ऊंचा हो जो पानी को न छू सकें। जो क्लेमिटी फंड है वह तो हम देते ही हैं।

Pension scheme for the employees covered under the Employees' Provident Fund Scheme

*185. SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have finalised a pension scheme for the employees covered under Employees' Provident Fund Scheme;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) by when it is proposed to be implemented?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) (SHRI K. RAMAMURTHY): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA: Sir, I understand that the Board of Trustees of the Employees' Provident Fund Scheme has submitted a comprehensive plan with regard to the sanctioning of a pension scheme. My supplementary is whether the Government has agreed to such a suggestion.

SHRI K. RAMAMURTHY: Mr. Chairman, Sir, it is true that the Central Board of Trustees for Provident Fund have formulated a scheme for giving pension to all the provident fund contributors and the same has been forwarded to the Government. Some amendment has to be brought in the Provident Fund Act. We received it and it is under our consideration. I assure the hon. Member that an early decision will be taken in this regard.

SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA: My supplementary was this. This scheme includes a large number of workers who are unorganised just like in beedi, plantation, etc. industries. Therefore, it is essential that some protective cover is extended to them. In view of this, I would like to know from the Minister categorically whether the Government is aware of the condition of the workers of this sector and whether they will take action positively to improve their condition.

SHRI K. RAMAMURTHY: Sir, as I have already mentioned, all the provident fund contributors will get this pension as per the scheme formulated by the Board of Trustees. Secondly, before we decide anything on this matter, definitely, we will consult the Trade Unions and if they give any suggestion, we will look into it.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Question Hour is over.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

Import of Cold Rolling Mills for Salem Steel Plant

*186. SHRIMATI SATYA BAHIN: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a contract between NISSHO IWAI CORPORATION/HITACHI Ltd. and Salem Steel Plant for supply of Sendzimor type Cold Rolling Mill No. has been finalised; if so, what are the details thereof; and

(b) whether the contract envisages involvement of any Indian sub-agent: if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) (SHRI SANTOSH MOHAN DEB) : (a) and (b) A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.